

THE VILLAGE VOICE

Wauconda's Public Information Source

September 2006

FROM THE MAYOR

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. Now that the schools are open please keep an eye out for our little ones while driving through town.

As you may have heard we had some sewer line breaks on Route 176 this summer. Those sewer lines and lift station are over twenty-five years old and in dire need of replacement. We have been told that a project of that size will cost approximately \$1.5 million dollars. We are currently looking into grants as well as loans to help offset the costs.

I would like to take a moment and thank the Public Works Department, Environmental Quality Department, Police, Fire, CERT and the Village staff for being so responsive to the residents who were affected and also for working together as a cohesive unit to prevent the breaks from becoming a disaster.

I have heard from many residents how pleased they were that the Village kept them informed of the situation. We could not have been so responsive without our Village Update e-mail system, which kept subscribing residents informed of our progress. Recently, the company that provides this service to the Village had an unforeseen server malfunction and they were unable to retrieve our subscriber database. As a result, I encourage all current subscribers to return to the Village website (www.wauconda-il.gov) and re-enroll so your e-mail update service is not interrupted (For more information, please see Page 3).

The new upgrades for our wastewater treatment plan at Slocum Lake Road and Brown Street are on schedule and we hope to have our new capacity up and running in December.

In the months to come the Board will be discussing a Village-wide water conservation program for 2007. This program may consist of allowing all day watering on alternating days based on your street address for the months of July, August and September. In the event that we hit low well levels, we would impose the regular watering restrictions. You will be kept informed of our progress.



SALVATORE J. SACCOMANNO

You should be aware that the speed limits on Gossell and Anderson roads have both been changed to 30 miles per hour.

The two committees formed by Trustee Lincoln Knight to look into property maintenance issues in Wauconda have completed their tasks. I would like to thank all the members of the Exploratory and Advisory Committees for their hard work and dedication. Their recommendations will now go before the Building and Zoning Committee and then eventually on to the Board. You will be advised through the Village update system when these meetings will take place.

I would like to take a moment here and thank my employer Al Antoni of Falcon Precision Industries in Wauconda for allowing me to take time off from work to deal with the needs of our Village. There are many meetings with Federal, State and Lake County officials that often occur during the normal business day. Also, there are many days that I need to go to the Village Hall and deal with the business of the Village.

Al has been very supportive of Wauconda and he is always on call to assist the Wauconda Police and Fire Departments with his helicopter whenever they are in need of air assistance.

If you would like to meet with me please call the Village Hall at 847.526.9600 to make an appointment. I am in the office every Tuesday evening before our board meetings. I will also make myself available to you on other evenings, or the weekend if you prefer. I can also be reached via email at ssaccomanno@wauconda-il.gov.

Salvatore J. Saccomanno, Mayor

September 2006

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

The Mayor's Community Service Awards were presented this year at Wauconda Fest. The recipients accepted their awards humbly and on behalf of all those that serve our community. If you know of someone who should be considered for the Mayor's Community Service awards in 2007 please contact Julie Mayer of United Partnership For A Better Community at Julie.Mayer@advocatehealth.com.

The 2006 recipients were:

Jane Fiddler

The organization Jane Fiddler started is called The Wauconda Neighborhood Group. This is a group of approximately 30 volunteers Jane organized to assist residents with much needed home repairs. Last year this organization helped many residents including an elderly woman with many critical repairs she would not have been able to afford on her own. The Wauconda Neighborhood Group has helped other financially challenged families in the area as well and Jane's efforts are appreciated by the entire Wauconda community.

Jessica Schwarz

As a sophomore at Wauconda High School, Jessica Schwarz created a program called "Outlook," which placed regular education students with special needs students. Originally, the project was developed to fulfill service requirements for the Girl Scout Gold Award, but Jessica's hard work and dedication expanded the program to include social work sessions, tutoring opportunities and spirited support for the Special Olympics Team. Even after her service

requirements were met, Jessica continued to serve as a role model among her peers. Today, Jessica is enrolled at Marquette University, where she plans to continue with her volunteer activities.

Arbutus Swanson

Mrs. Swanson was born in a house on Main Street and graduated from Wauconda High School in 1937. Her many years of community service included volunteering for the Salvation Army Donut Day, Easter Seals, Poppy Days/American Legion, March of Dimes, American Cancer Society, Wauconda Care Center Nursing Home, Girl Scouts of America, Wauconda Seniors Club, Federated Church of Wauconda and many, many more important community-based programs. Mrs. Swanson's steadfast dedication to her family, church and community has strengthened the core of our village.

Dave Kleckner

Twenty-four years of experience encompassing meteorology, information technology and emergency and disaster management, Dave Kleckner has consistently offered emergency and disaster support for local Village agencies. As Assistant Coordinator of Wauconda's Emergency Management Agency (EMA), Dave has helped manage emergency operations in severe weather situations, recommending activation of public warning sirens, and coordinating weather operations with Lake County Emergency Management and the National Weather Service. Although Dave's expertise is typically utilized in a team setting, his volunteer efforts contribute greatly to the Village's Emergency Management Agency.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2006

Sat., September 2 - "Jammin on Main" Street Dance held Labor Day weekend. See Page 9 for details.

Sat., September 16 - 2nd Annual Teen Skate Competition (2:00 – 4:00 p.m.). See page 11 for details.

Fri., September 22 - 1st Annual Women's Golf Outing. See page 11 for details.

OCTOBER 2006

Sat., October 21 - 1st Annual Fall Fest (4:00 – 6:00 p.m.). See page 11 for details.

Mon., October 23 - Leaf Collection Program begins, see page 7 for details.

Wed., October 25 - Senior Halloween Party (12:00 – 2:00 p.m.). See page 11 for details.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DEBRA OGORZALY, COORDINATOR

The Village of Wauconda ended 2005 as one of the top 25 growth suburbs in Northeastern Illinois as reported by the Northern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC). Their reports encompass Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will counties. Wauconda issued permits for 240 single family units and 141 multi-family units. As of May 2006 the commission is reporting 84 single family permits have been issued for Wauconda. That makes us the 5th largest growth community in Lake County, behind Zion, Lincolnshire, Unincorporated Lake County, and Antioch. Our growth has been well planned and monitored by our Village officials. Various developer impact fees are in place to ensure the increase in services and infrastructure costs are covered. With this growth in population we will start to see commercial development to accommodate our residents.



To adjust our plans for future growth, the Village is working with Rolf Campbell and Associates to update our Comprehensive Plan. The plan is a non-regulatory document which guides the future long range development actions of the Village. Our current boundaries plus a one mile radius are reviewed, and suggested land use is discussed. The need for added roads, maintenance of open space and wetlands, and a balance between single family, multi family and commercial use are all evaluated.

Residents and business owners alike must support our current commercial establishments to encourage growth and retention of existing businesses and provide a positive atmosphere that will attract new ones. Each of us can play a role in this endeavor by shopping Wauconda, hiring local service providers, and spreading a positive image of our community. While quality of life is not a factor in enticing new business to a community, it certainly is the key factor in home buying decisions. We have what matters most: great schools, parks, recreational opportunities, homes, and a responsive, open-minded village government. The expansion of our retail options will continue to make Wauconda a premier place to live, work, play, and prosper.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS:

Recently, the provider who supplies the Village of Wauconda with its website services experienced a malfunction in its primary computer server. Although our system was affected for just a short time, the database that housed the e-mail addresses of residents currently receiving Village Updates via e-mail was corrupted and cannot be utilized.

Moving forward, the company has assured the Village that technological improvements have been made to prevent this from happening again.

Mayor Sal Saccomanno encourages all past and future subscribers to visit our website at www.wauconda-il.gov to enroll for this important informational service. Please click on the "Village Update" icon in the upper right-hand corner of the

homepage to start – and remember to adjust your spam filter settings to allow incoming e-mails from ssacomanno@wauconda-il.gov.

There is no charge to subscribe and the notifications allow for the immediate communication of Village-related issues such as:

- Weather Emergencies
- Water Boil Orders
- Village Ordinances
- Special Meetings
- Neighborhood Alerts

*Subscribing to this service is fast and easy....
Sign up today!*




 September 2006

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
BUILDING AND ZONING
BILL METES, DIRECTOR

**WINTER IS
ON THE WAY!**

**TIPS FOR SAVING
MONEY ON YOUR HEATING BILL!**

The winter season will be here soon and now is the time to prepare your house for possible strong cold winds and low outside temperatures. Listed below are a few simple things that you can do to make your home more energy efficient, safe and at the same time save money on your heating bills.

- **Increased insulation:** Put additional insulation in your attic being careful not to cover any electrical lighting fixtures if appropriate. This will provide a barrier between the heat and the outside air. Over time, increased insulation will reduce the heating costs for your house.
- **Replace or install weather-stripping around your doors and windows:** This will prevent heat from escaping your house and unnecessary cold air from entering.
- **Chimney sweeping/Fireplace cleanout:** If your chimney is not regularly cleaned or swept, the chimney walls could become coated with a yellowish flammable material call creosote. The presence of creosote can increase the possibility of chimney fires. Having your chimney swept each year is a good idea in order to avoid any possible hazards. The use of seasoned wood in your fireplace should also reduce the risk of creosote build-up.
- **Change your furnace filters:** Furnace filters should be changed on a regular basis to avoid the build-up airborne dirt and will help your furnace run more efficiently.
- **Have your furnace checked and cleaned on an annual basis:** A clean and correctly operating furnace will save money on your heating bill and lengthen the life of your furnace.

**VILLAGE OF WAUCONDA OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES COMPLETE TRAINING
ON THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Our elected officials and all full time Village employees completed training on the National Incident Management System (NIMS). All supervisory Village staff completed an additional training class on the National Response Plan (NRP). These classes are required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in order to remain eligible for future emergency preparedness and response grants. The classes were held in coordination with the Wauconda Fire Department, where the training was conducted. An expert in the subject of the FEMA requirements and Plans was brought in by the Village to conduct the classes over a 3 day period.

Now completed, these classes will help our community to be better prepared to respond and recover from a disaster if one were to occur here. Hurricane Katrina was a reminder of just how critical it is for our community and the nation to approach disaster management in a coordinated and consistent manner. All levels of government (local, County, State, and Federal) must be able to come together to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from any emergency or disaster.

Disaster operations must be seamless and based on common incident management procedures and terminologies, because the challenges we face as a nation are far greater than the capabilities of any one jurisdiction.

The NIMS is our nation's incident management system, and the National Response Plan is our nation's Plan for responding to emergencies and provides a comprehensive and consistent national approach to all-hazard incident management for all disciplines. Recent events have taught us that full implementation of NIMS among all jurisdictions and all levels of government is a critical factor to our state of preparedness and we must achieve this coordination as quickly as possible. Full compliance with NIMS training is required by September 30, 2006. However, it is important to recognize that NIMS implementation will not end in fiscal year 2006. The NIMS is a dynamic system that will continue to evolve as our prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities improve and our homeland security challenges change.



FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CATHY WHITE, DIRECTOR

ENVIRONMENTALLY SPEAKING...

You and Fido can prevent stormwater pollution!!

All of you who own dogs realize what a great companion your pet is. And keeping him well fed and exercised is very important for his health. With the ownership of a dog comes the responsibility of cleaning up after him.

VILLAGE ORDINANCE 96.06 STATES THAT:

"No person is to allow any animal to deposit stools on any public property, right of way, parkway, street, alley, or the like, or on private properties not owned by the possessor of the animal, without written permission from the property owner. All possessors of any animal shall immediately remove any and all such stool deposits from these areas."

So not only is it against village ordinance to leave dog waste on the ground (other than your own property) but the waste also contributes to stormwater pollution.

When it rains, the bacteria and nutrients get swept into the stormwater drains and drain directly into Bangs Lake and other water bodies in the watershed. This stormwater percolates into the ground and is the source of our drinking water. The pet waste is considered "nonpoint source pollution" to our watershed. And it is preventable, by just carrying a scooper and picking the waste up and depositing it in your garbage.

The Environmental Protection Agency has said that nonpoint source pollution, such as pet waste, makes up the majority of pollution to our lakes, rivers and streams. So kids, when your parents ask you to clean up the yard after "old yeller", just remember you are doing your part to keep the environment clean.

This is an environmental pollution we can prevent.

Most of the time the solutions to environmental problems are costly and are on a major scale. However, this is an area where resident dog owners can make a huge positive impact.

For more information, please search for pet waste pollution at the Environmental Protection Agency website:

www.epa.gov/weatherchannel/stormwater.html

Have a great fall!!

— HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS —



Halloween trick-or-treat hours have been set for 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, October 31st. Parents should accompany small children. Light colored or reflective costumes should be worn, and masks should not block vision. A flashlight or lighted candy carrier is also recommended for greater visibility. Parents are reminded to inspect all candy prior to allowing children to consume it.

Village
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Wauconda

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FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DAVID GEARY, DIRECTOR



BEAUTIFICATION OF WAUCONDA WITH PARKWAY TREES

The Village of Wauconda's Tree Program is a partnership between the Village and the Wauconda residents. The program involves the Village purchasing and planting approximately fifty (50) trees in parkways around the Village each year when residents request them. The residents who request the trees are asked to water them until they take hold. Please contact the Public Works Department in order to request a new or replacement tree on or near the parkways around your home. The planting will be done this fall. Trees do contribute to the beauty of our neighborhoods, but they also add value to our homes and bring shade to our yards during those hot summer months. If you would like a tree in your parkway, please call us at 847.526.9610 to get your name on the list.

VILLAGE OF WAUCONDA GAINS AN ARBORIST

Last month Public Works employee Chris Esvang, who is a certified Arborist, became our Village's Arborist. He will be responsible for our town's tree care program and the overall beautification of the community. Chris' knowledge about trees and his passion for caring for them makes him a great asset to the Village.

The Arborist will be a vital position in the Village's pursuit of its goal to gain "Tree City USA" designation. The Tree City USA designation will bring special distinction to our community. A number of steps will be taken over the next year to gain the recognition, including enhancing the Annual Arbor Day celebration held in May. This past year the Village spotlighted Arbor Day with a tree sale in partnership with the Wauconda Chamber of Commerce. In addition to the tree sale day next year, we plan to reach out to the public in order to better educate them about proper tree care. Our community's commitment to trees through community-wide programs and concern for trees will surely benefit the future of Wauconda.

If you have any questions about the trees in your neighborhood or would like some advice on how to properly care for your trees, please feel free to contact Chris Esvang at the Public Works office 847.526.9610 or by e-mail at cesvang@wauconda-il.gov.

BRUSH PICKUP IN WAUCONDA

The Village implemented a new brush clearance schedule this past summer. The Plan called for brush pick-ups to be conducted during the last two weeks of each month throughout the summer. As a result of numerous summer thunderstorms and high winds, the brush clearance duties continued throughout the entire month of July and most of the month of August. As a reminder, the last day for brush pickup in Zone 1 is Friday, October, 20 and the last day for brush pickup in Zone 2 is Friday, October, 27. Brush pick-up schedule and zone maps are available on the Village's web-site www.wauconda-il.gov. Please put out any brush that you may have prior to these date.

WATER MAIN FLUSHING AND HYDRANT TESTING

The Village of Wauconda maintains a 1st class water system. Our water goes through daily, weekly, and monthly testing throughout the year to monitor its quality. In addition to testing, another part of maintaining the water system involves flushing the water mains in strategic locations to keep the water fresh and clear, while maintaining the system. The flushing cleans and purges the pipes of any sedimentation which may be built up over a period of time. The Water Department of Public Works will be flushing water mains from Monday, September 25 through Friday, October 13. Notices will be posted in the areas where flushing will take place before work begins. Once flushed, the tap water in your home may become discolored. We advise you to check your water for clarity before use or doing laundry. If you have any questions, please call the Water Department at 847.526.9610.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

Residents are request to observe the following guidelines regarding the leaf collection program:

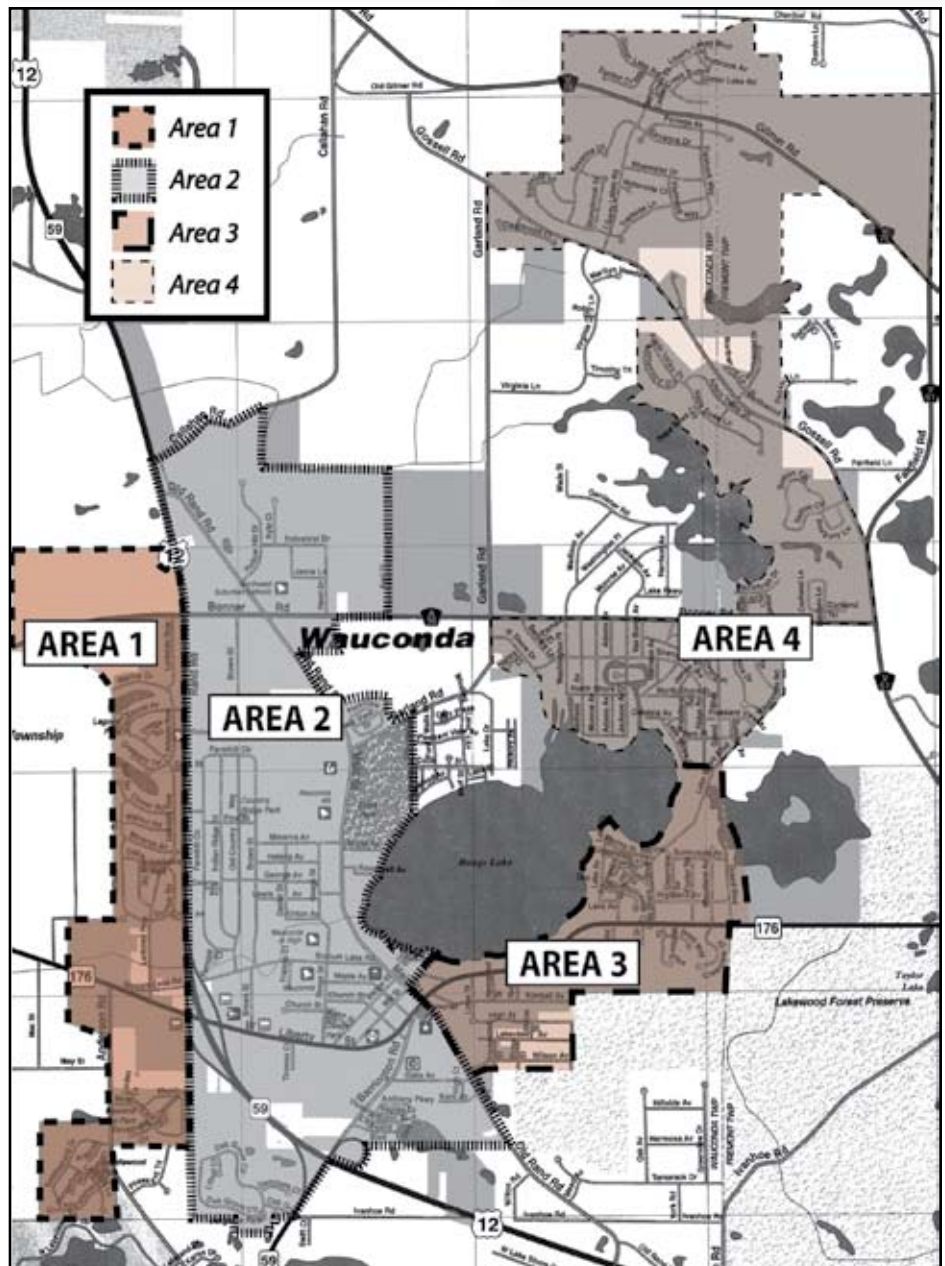
1. The collection service will only collect unbagged leaves.
2. The program will begin on Tuesday, October 24, 2006, and will conclude on December 1, 2006 (weather permitting).
3. Leaves should be placed in a pile or row in the parkway as near to the street as possible. Please **DO NOT** rake leaves into the street!
4. The pickup equipment can only reach 6 feet into the parkways so please rake your leaves into that area. Leaves that are not picked up because they are too far away from the curb can be raked closer to the parkway. Then they will be collected in the next round of pickups.
5. Please do not pile leaves by your mailbox or close to parkways trees. The equipment cannot remove leaves from these areas.
6. Please keep parked vehicles off the street on your collection day.
7. Collection will begin at 7 a.m. each morning. Please have leaves ready for collection prior to that time on the first day the crew is scheduled in your area. Disposal will not backtrack!
8. Please make sure there are no foreign objects hidden in the leaf piles. Foreign objects such as rocks, branches, etc., damage the equipment. This, in turn, causes a delay in the pickup schedule due to equipment downtime.
9. In the instance of bad weather or mechanical failure, the leaf program will be extended as long as weather permits.
10. The open burning of leaves is prohibited in the Village of Wauconda.

October 2006

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If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 847.526.9610

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FROM THE WAUCONDA
FIRE DEPARTMENT
DAVID DATO, FIRE CHIEF

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website: www.waucondafire.org



CANDLES & FIRE SAFETY

There's a special beauty and tranquility to candles, but a lighted candle is also an open flame, and a potential fire hazard if not carefully monitored. In fact, accidental candle fires account for approximately 5 percent of all U.S. residential fires.

A study by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission suggests that 85 percent of candle fires could be avoided if consumers followed three basic safety rules:

- *Never leave a burning candle unattended.*
- *Never burn a candle on or near anything that might catch fire.*
- *Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets.*

CANDLE FIRE STATISTICS

An estimated 18,000 residential fires are caused each year by the careless or inappropriate use of candles.

The National Candle Association urges consumers to always keep a burning candle within sight, and to extinguish candles when leaving a room.

Where Candle Fires Start

Bedroom	40%
Living / Family Room	17%
Bathroom	14%
Dining Room	3%

Items First Ignited

Mattresses and Bedding	12%
Cabinetry	10%
Curtains / Blinds / Draperies	9%

HOW TO BURN A CANDLE SAFELY

Before lighting...

- Trim the wick to 1/4 inch each time before burning. Long or crooked wicks can cause uneven burning, dripping or flaring.
- Always use a candleholder specifically designed for candle use. It should be heat resistant, sturdy, and large enough to contain any drips or melted wax.
- Burn candles in a well-ventilated room.
- Place the candleholder on a stable, heat-resistant surface.
- Keep the wax pool clear of wick trimmings, matches and debris at all times.
- Avoid drafts, vents or air currents. This will help prevent rapid or uneven burning, sooting, and excessive dripping.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations on burn time and proper use.

While burning...

- Never touch or move a burning candle. Never move a votive or container candle when the wax is liquefied.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down. For a margin of safety, discontinue burning a candle when 2 inches of wax remains (1/2 inch if in a container).
- Extinguish a candle if the flame becomes too high or flickers repeatedly. Let the candle cool, trim the wick, and check for unwanted drafts before re-lighting.
- Always keep the candle within your sight. If you are going to leave the room, be sure to first blow out all candles.

When extinguishing...

- Use a candle snuffer to extinguish a candle. It's the safest way to prevent hot wax from splattering.
- Never use water to extinguish a candle. Water can cause the hot wax to splatter and might break a glass container.
- Make sure the candle is completely out and the wick ember is no longer glowing before leaving the room.
- Don't touch or move the candle until it has completely cooled.

FROM THE WAUCONDA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 DEBRA OGORZALY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



SUMMER IN THE VILLAGE

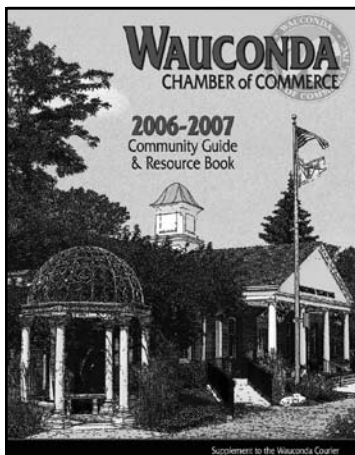


The Wauconda Chamber of Commerce sincerely thanks all sponsors, donators, volunteers and spectators for supporting the 43rd Annual IPRA **Championship Rodeo** and our Wild West Weekend. Four great days were enjoyed by all and generated funds for chamber operations, programs, and donations. A donation of \$3000 will once again be made to the Wauconda Park District with proceeds from this year's events. The chamber is proud to present this affordable family event and continues to add new features and improvements to add to the overall entertainment value. This year was no exception. The Wells Fargo stagecoach and Wild West shootout on Main Street started the festivities at the Thursday night Farmers' Market. A Friday night Beer Garden Concert was new this year and will be repeated next year along with the Kid's Rodeo that took place on Sunday afternoon before the Rodeo. New features included the massive tent covering the midway for the added comfort of our vendors and visitors, and the convenience of discount tickets online at our rodeo website www.WaucondaRodeo.com. Check out the site to view all the photos we captured this year and to make plans for next year's exciting Wild West Weekend!

The **Farmers Market** is in full swing every Thursday afternoon from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. with a diverse array of fresh produce, food items, flowers, refreshments and live entertainment. This is a free family destination that you should try to work into your weekly schedule. People and pets will find something they need or just have to have! Whether you are speed shopping for your dinner vegetables or seeking a casual stroll for an afternoon's enjoyment, this is the place to be in Wauconda. Please visit as often as possible to support our vendors and ensure the success of our weekly market.



The end of summer is celebrated with our **"Jammin on Main" Street Dance** held Labor Day weekend, Saturday, September 2nd. This popular event has our residents dancing in the street as they support the Wauconda-Island Lake Food Pantry and the Main Street Revitalization Group. Proceeds from the Dance are used to enhance the Main Street area and for a cash donation to the Food Pantry. A food



drive is held throughout August at local businesses and collected the day before the dance. In addition, a free raffle ticket is given to anyone who brings a bag of groceries to the Citizens Activity Center from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. the night of the dance. Main Street is closed from the lights at 176 to the Village Hall to accommodate our celebration. Local food vendors along with our Main Street establishments will provide great food and refreshments to accompany the live music from two bands that alternate performing from 6:00 p.m. until midnight. All raffles, including the Lions Club Harley raffle, will be drawn at 8:00 p.m. on stage.

The Chamber will publish the new **Community Guide & Resource Book** in September. The guide is direct mailed to all Wauconda residents inside a free copy of the Wauconda Courier by Pioneer Press. All community groups and organizations are asked to contact the chamber office if they want to be listed in this information filled publication. Additional copies of

the guide are also made available at the Chamber office, Village Hall, Wauconda Township offices and the Building and Zoning Department, to be dispersed to newcomers and visitors. Ad space is available, call the Chamber for complete details.

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FROM THE WAUCONDA

POLICE DEPARTMENT**TONY JACOBSON, CHIEF OF POLICE**

Summer has passed and students are back in our schools. Please watch for all the students waiting at bus stops and crosswalks and going to and from school.

School speed zones are 20 mph on school days when children are present. The penalties are very strict for violations in school zones. The same is said for passing a school bus. Passing a school bus when it is slowing or stopped could result in a suspension of your driving privileges. Parking around the schools is also restricted. Please do your part to make our children and school zones safer for everyone.

Driving near schools brings to mind another safety issue. The Illinois Secretary of State maintains a website that explains its graduated driver licensing system at www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/drivers/programs/gdl.html.

Here are a few highlights from the State's website:

- Persons 15 and under who are caught driving without a permit are ineligible to obtain a license until the age of 18.
- The legal blood alcohol content for drivers under 21 years of age 0.000.
- Parental consent is required to obtain a driving permit and parents must verify that a minimum of 50 hours of behind the wheel driving instruction has occurred, 10 hours of which must be nighttime driving.
- Starting January 1st, 2004, for the first six months following the issue of a driving license, or until the driver reaches 18 years of age, only one passenger under the age of 20 is allowed to ride with the newly licensed driver (family members of the driver do not count toward that number).
- Effective July 15, 2005 driver under the age of 18 are prohibited from the use of cell phones while driving, except for emergency purposes.
- Driver's licenses for drivers under 17 years of age are invalid after curfew (11:00 p.m. Sunday – Thursday nights, and midnight for Friday and Saturday nights).
- Any moving violation conviction before age 18 generates a warning letter to both the parent and teen from the Secretary of State.
- Two moving violation convictions in a 24 month period results in a minimum driver license suspension of one month.
- Suspended drivers are required to pay reinstatement fees and be retested.

I want to take a moment to remind my fellow residents of a few parking restrictions.

- The overnight parking restriction between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. is year round. Parking is prohibited on all village streets except in the downtown business district, where over night parking is restricted from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- You may call the Police Department and request parking permission from the duty watch commander. Parking requests (or permission) will be granted based on the details of each request. You will need to know the make, color and license plate for the vehicle that you are making the request. Your vehicle must then be otherwise legally parked.

Please have a safe fall season and remember to be a courteous driver.

Wauconda



Park District

FROM THE

WAUCONDA PARK DISTRICT

DEAR RESIDENTS,

The Wauconda Park District Staff has been working hard all summer to introduce to the community a new variety of fall programs and events for all ages to enjoy. Fall registration begins on August 21st for residents and on August 28th for Non-Residents.

SEPTEMBER 2006

Sat., Sept. 16

2nd Annual Teen Skate Competition (2:00 – 4:00 p.m.) - Teens ages 11 to 19 are welcome to compete in this free rollerblade and skateboard competition. Registration is required at the Community Center no later than September 15, 2006. Sponsorship opportunities are available, please contact Jeanine Smith at jsmith@waucondaparks.com for additional information.

Fri., Sept. 22

1st Annual Women's Golf Outing - Women join us for 13 holes of golf and luncheon at the Prairie Isle Golf Course. Caddy Auction and breakfast begin at 8:30 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 5th and 10th place. Cost is \$65 per person.

OCTOBER 2006

Sat., Oct. 21

1st Annual Fall Fest (4:00 – 9:00 p.m.) - Grab the family and your friends and join us for an late afternoon and evening full of fun for all ages. Enjoy carnival games, haunted hayrides, as well as contests and more! Halloween costumes are a must. Refreshments and food will be available for purchase. All games and rides are 1 tickets and tickets are \$3.00 for a set of 8.

**Wed., Oct. 25**

Senior Halloween Party (12:00 – 2:00 p.m.) - Come enjoy a spooky afternoon with other goulsh friends for a light lunch. After our feast, we will have fun games and activities planned. Costume contest and door prizes will be awarded. Fee is \$3.00 and pre-registration is required. This event is co-sponsored by the Senior Coalition.

DECEMBER 2006

Sat., Dec. 2

Tree Lighting & Santa's Arrival (6:00 p.m.) - Get into the holiday spirit by singing carols, visiting with Santa and enjoying some wonderful refreshments. Don't forget to have your picture taken with Santa and his elves. Call the Park District after November 22nd for additional information.

*For additional information contact (847) 526-3610
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MEETING DATES

Village Board meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the board room of the Village Hall.

Committee of the Whole meetings meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the board room of the Village Hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals/Plan Commission meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the board room of the Village Hall when needed.

Bangs Lake Management Committee meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the board room of the Village Hall.

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